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Oakey Hospital volunteer congratulated for tireless support

Oakey Hospital's long-term volunteer George Lipman has been acknowledged for his ongoing support of the rural facility.

Mr Lipman was presented with a certificate of appreciation at a special lunch for volunteers of the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service.

As the treasurer of the Friends of Dr EAF McDonald Nursing Home, Mr Lipman volunteers his time in and around the hospital.

"Business and family has always come first for me," Mr Lipman said.

"But I have always been involved in the Lions Club and I enjoy giving back."

Mr Lipman's association with the hospital started seven years ago, when he was visiting a fellow TOMNET (The Older Men's Network) member at the hospital.

"I saw what great care was provided to patients and residents at the hospital and in the aged care facility," he said.

"I saw how the staff went above their call of duty, and I wanted to help with that."

Soon after Mr Lipman started volunteering at the hospital, the now-famous garden project was initiated. He now spends a lot of his time tending to the expansive gardens, as well as helping Recreational Officer Lynda White.

"George really does go above and beyond," Ms White said.

"He is here most days, helping out wherever it is needed."

Mr Lipman hopes to continue volunteering for as long as possible.

"I really do enjoy it; volunteering makes me feel like I am in my 20s," he said. "It is a joy to come here and if I can make just one resident smile then my time is worth it."

Caption: Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service's volunteer of the year George Lipman was presented with a certificate of appreciation at a special lunch during volunteers' week. He was recognised for his efforts alongside fellow volunteers Carmen Leonard (left) and Diane Fitch.

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